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# Tokyo 2020 a 'dream come true' for Haliburton Olympian

**GRACE OBORNE** 

Staff Reporter

For young badminton athlete Rachel Honderich, representing her country at the Olympics has always been a dream. In order for one to achieve such a goal, they need to work hard. It was through this tenacious work ethic that Honderich's hopes and wishes have come true.

Åt only 25 years old, Honderich already has many accomplishments under her belt. In 2010, she won under-14 national titles in singles and doubles. The following year, she was under-16 national singles champion and by 2012, she was the best under-27 singles player in the Pan American region.

It doesn't stop there. In 2013, Honderich advanced to the senior level where she won singles bronze at the Canadian championships. In 2014 she helped the Canadian team reach the quarterfinals at the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow. Honderich then won the silver medal at the Pan American Championships in Markham.

In 2015, Honderich won singles silver and doubles bronze at the Toronto Pan American games and then won five medals at the Pan American Championships between 2016 and 2019. In 2019, Honderich won singles silver and gold in women's doubles at the Pan American games.

This year, Honderich and her partner Kristen Tsai won the doubles title at the Pan American Championships and were quarterfinalists at the Swiss Open, a World Tour Super 300 event. Then, over the summer, she took that next pivotal

Éver since she was a little girl, Honderich knew that she wanted to be one of

the best badminton players in the country. She was recently recognized as such - being a member of Team Canada at the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games.

"It was indescribable. My dream has been to go to the Olympics since I was 12. To be there just felt so surreal. It was 100 per cent a dream come true. I couldn't believe it the whole time I was there,' said Honderich.

The Olympic experience looked different to Honderich this year due to COVID-19, but after being forced to wait for 12 months to represent her nation on the grandest stage, she couldn't let differences take away from this success.

"The Olympics was incredible. I think after being postponed a year, and then the fact that there was talk in the last month leading up to it that it could be cancelled or postponed again, made me feel really grateful that Japan went on to host it. I think they did an incredible job considering everything," said Honderich
"We weren't allowed to leave the vil-

lage or the venue when we were there, so we couldn't really explore Tokyo. Nevertheless, the village atmosphere was still incredible. It was just so cool to be surrounded by so many incredible athletes and to see other Canadians and different countries.

Family and friends were not allowed in the village to support athletes. While Honderich would have loved to have her closest confidants in attendance, she still felt support from home.

"It was different. Obviously it was hard to have no audience or family there, but I still felt immense support from back home. The Olympics was overall just 100 per cent a dream come true. I couldn't believe the whole time I was there and I knew my family was back home

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#### Record breaking narrative

Seven-year-old Molly Campbell drops sticks for the next participant for the giant pickup sticks activity at the annual Stories in the Park Fun Fair organized by the Haliburton and District Lions Club on Friday, Aug. 27 at Head Lake Park in Haliburton. For the second year the Lions Club event was an opportunity to provide children outdoor fun with a variety of activities from mini-putt to engaging with sidewalk chalk art. There was a record number of people in attendance, with more than 300 individuals on hand for the event, which ran in staggered fashion from noon to 2 p.m. The event included free hotdogs and popcorn, drinks and participating local community groups who helped with activity stations./DARREN





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Because the Olympics was postponed one year, it's only one more year until the Commonwealth Games. That could potentially be the next goal.

— Rachel Honderich

After working so hard throughout her badminton career, at just 25 years old, Rachel Honderich's dream to compete in the 2020 Toyko Olympics came true. /Submitted

# Olympian looking to the future after life-altering experience in Tokyo

supporting me," she said.

Though she and her partner since 2017, Tsai, did not advance to the quarterfinals, Honderich feels they had other great accomplishments and highlights.

'In women's doubles, there were four pools of four, so 16 chains. We finished third in our pool. We were hoping to be in the top two so we could advance to the quarterfinals, but we didn't so we were a bit disappointed with that," said Honderich.

"I think our highlight was when we played against the world number two from Japan. We had a really close match, losing out 21-18 the third game, but I think that was probably our highlight performance."

Growing up, being an active kid, Honderich played many sports but ultimately chose to pursue badminton.

"Around seven or eight, I was interested in badminton along with many other sports, like hockey and tennis. In school, I played basketball, softball and just every sport. Competitively speaking, I mostly played hockey and badminton. When I was 12 or 13, tournaments between the different sports started to conflict a little bit, it was just busy going back and forth between so many practices," said Honderich.

When it came time to pick one sport, Honderich decided it was badminton that she would excel at.

"That's how I decided I enjoyed badminton the most. I think I remember really enjoying both practices and tournaments. It has been a relatively natural progression. I just started with Toronto tournaments, then went onto provincial ones, then national, and then eventually Inter-

When Honderich was really young, her family would spend the entire summer at her family cottage on Kashagawigamog Lake. Now, between training and competing, she spends time in Haliburton on weekends.

Honderich encourages youth to strive for what they're

passionate about and to work hard for it.

"The relationships you make, the experience and lessons you gain from giving up everything to work for a goal is so invaluable. If you have found your passion, ou should 100 per cent go for it. There will definitely be a community who supports you when you feel that no one does. Who you surround yourself with is really important," she said.

Since arriving home from Tokyo, Honderich reflects on what her future goals are and what's next to come in her athletic journey

"I definitely left [the Olympics] feeling really inspired, so I want to keep playing badminton. I haven't been training as much right now as my partner and I are taking some time to reevaluate new goals for ourselves and what we want to do going forward.

"Because the Olympics was postponed one year, it's only one more year until the Commonwealth Games. That could potentially be the next goal. Until then, I'll be returning to the University of Toronto for my undergrad in the fall and classes are still online, which means I'll definitely continue playing. I'll reevaluate soon, if I want to go for the Paris Olympics. I think with it only being three years away, it's definitely catching. After experiencing one, you just want more. I look forward to what the future has in store." Honderich concluded.

### Drug overdoses on the rise in Haliburton County in 2021

MIKE BAKER

Editor

A recent surge in the number of drug overdoses reported in Haliburton County has sparked a response from the OPP and the local health unit.

The Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit issued an alert to media last week, saying many of the overdoses being reported involved fentanyl – an incredibly dangerous, and often fatal opioid that has become a popular ingredient in many illegal drugs sold

on the black market due to its powerful potency. Catherine McDonald, a registered nurse and substances and harm reduction coordinator with the HKPR district health unit, says the increase in the number of overdoses recently would suggest a contaminated or poisoned drug supply was currently making the rounds in the local community.

Michelle Scanlan, an officer with the Haliburton Highlands OPP, noted that officers attended five overdoses in the county the week of Aug. 16 to 20, one of them which

So far in 2021, the Haliburton Highlands OPP has investigated four drug-related deaths, which is already

an increase from what was seen in 2020, when two drugrelated deaths were investigated.

"The OPP reminds citizens that it is dangerous to use non-prescription drugs from unregulated sources," Scan-

McDonald encouraged area residents to be "extra vigilant" at this time, recommending anyone who uses drugs to follow several steps to help keep them safe. Those steps include: testing a small amount of the drug before you use it; never use alone; ensure that emergency services can be contacted in the event of an overdose; avoid mixing drugs; and keep a naloxone kit on hand.

Naloxone is an emergency medicine that temporarily reverses the effects of an opioid overdose until the victim can get to hospital for treatment. Kits are available at most pharmacies and needle exchange sites.

Signs of an overdose include: very large or very small pupils; slow or no breathing; cold and clammy skin; blue or purple fingernails or lips; and snoring or gurgling sounds. McDonald notes that, often in overdoses, it is difficult to wake a person up.

Today, Aug. 31, marks International Overdose Awareness Day. An event will be held in Haliburton at Head Lake Park from 10 a.m. to noon.



#### Eyes on the prize

Above, Yianni Karkoulas of Bobcaygeon stares down a puck during the Haliburton County Huskies tryout hockey camp for players vying for a roster spot on the Ontario Junior A Hockey League team on Friday, Aug. 27 at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena in Minden. The Huskies rookie camp was held all weekend, starting with the goalies on Friday



Roster hopefuls listen for direction during the Haliburton County Huskies tryout, which was the first day the ice was available for use in the facility's history.



Roster hopefuls Ben Grahame of Ajax, 17, from left, Logan Carter of Ajax, 15, and Yianni Karkoulas of Bobcaygeon, 15, perform a drill.



Right, former Red Hawks forward Joe Boice, who is a rostered Haiburton County Huskies player, was seen helping during the tryout hockey camp for goalies.

#### Pre-season home schedule

Haliburton County Huskies inter-squad, blue vs white game is Saturday, Sept. 11 at noon in Minden. There are two more home games against Aurora Tigers on Saturday, Sept. 18 at 4:30 p.m. and against the Collingwood Blues on Saturday, Sept. 25, at 4:30 p.m. Free admission for these games, which are all being held at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena. See team website (www.huskieshockey.ca) about how to be a billet family for a player and to know the upcoming regular season. season





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### Sports, extra-curriculars to return at TLDSB schools this year

MIKE BAKER

Editor

There were no unexpected surprises last week when Trillium Lakelands District School Board outlined its plans for students' upcoming return to school.

During a recent meeting held on Aug. 24, TLDSB Director of Learning Wes Hahn said the board is "very excited" about kicking off the school year with largely in-person learning beginning Sept. 8. While Learn@Home was an option for any student, providing parents made TLDSB aware of their choice back in June, Hahn reported that just 329 students board-wide would be participating in online learning this coming school year.

"We are very excited about starting inperson [learning] again in our schools. That is something we all in this room feel is really important," Hahn informed TLDSB staff and trustees last week. "That's not to say the great work done in our Learn@Home [program] hasn't been well done by staff and accepted by families and students, but we're glad to see [our kids] back in schools.

He highlighted some of the health and safety measures that would, once again, be implemented this year. Mandatory masking will be in place for all students from Kindergarten to Grade 12 while inside school facilities, while student cohorting at the elementary level will be maintained, again, while inside school facilities.

Hahn did note though that, while outside, students would be free to interact with other students from outside their

cohort, and would not have to wear a

One of the most significant changes surrounds the reintroduction of school clubs, extra-curriculars, sports and music pro-

'That's one of the biggest areas for families – that was something that was really missing for our kids [last year]," Hahn said. "Our students see a connection through peers and friends through these activities. I think it's really important [that we bring these things back].

Facilities such as cafeterias and libraries will be gradually reopened, with Hahn encouraging principals to take a "cautious approach" to make sure there are appropriate plans for student movement and enhanced cleaning. Lockers, it was noted, would continue to be off-limits this year.

At the secondary school level, TLDSB will be using the quadmester model for student classes, something Hahn expects will remain in place until at least January. He noted that timetables for high school students would be sent out this week.

Vaccination was a hot-topic at last week's meeting. It was noted that any visitor looking to "engage" in a school building should be vaccinated. Hahn noted that while vaccinations for students and staff are not mandatory, they are recommended. Any staff member who chooses not to be vaccinated will be asked to provide a medical exemption. Further refusal to be vaccinated will result in the staff member participating in a mandatory education session, outlining the benefits of being vaccinated. Any member of staff who is not vaccinated will be required to undergo regular COVID-19 testing.

Along with this new vaccination proto-

col, TLDSB is also rolling out a new quarantining initiative.

"In the past, if there was a case that came into a classroom, the teacher and students would all need to quarantine. There are detailed steps now, that if teachers and students are vaccinated, they don't have to quarantine if they are not exhibiting symptoms," Hahn said. "That's important, because it means our staff can stay in the classroom and our students can maintain their class time."

After securing additional government funding earlier this year, Hahn noted school board staff were hard at work upgrading ventilation systems at all school sites. The most notable change, Hahn says, is the installation of new HEPA filters, which will be placed in all TLDSB classrooms.

"We're feeling good about where we're at right now with managing proper airflow and keeping air safe within our buildings," Hahn said.

It was noted that some secondary schools within the region would be hosting COVID-19 vaccination clinics, starting in September. Hahn said the board were currently working with the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit to set up a schedule. These clinics, Hahn stressed, would be public health events, and not organized in any way by TLDSB. These clinics will provide opportunities for any student or staff to receive their vaccination if they haven't already done so.

In closing, Hahn clarified the situation surrounding Learn@Home, saying any parent who has registered their child for online learning would have one final opportunity to change their mind in Sep-

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— Wes Hahn

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"The whole idea of switching ... That's one of those things we have to stay very firm on. The model, by now, has been chosen. But, like every year, when we have students show up into schools and classrooms, we take a look at the numbers and do a September reorganization. At this point, we will look for opportunities to potentially do a reorganization [of students from Learn@Home into in-person learning], but we will not be doing this throughout the year," Hahn said.

"There won't be a waiting list, there won't be opportunities [to change] every other month. We can't do that ... It's really important for us to maintain stability. Last year we were moving, there were wait lists and it's just not possible to do that and do it well," Hahn concluded.

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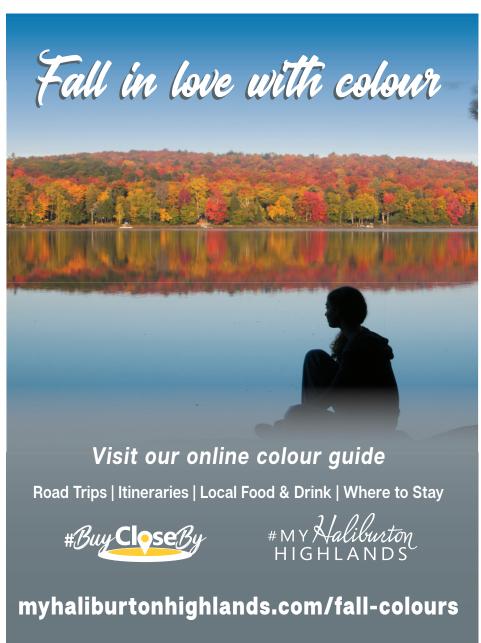
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### Local coalition continuing push for change in long-term care

MIKE BAKER

Editor

One of the leaders behind a local coalition committed to improving quality of care for seniors living in long-term care homes has criticized Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MPP Laurie Scott for "ignoring" a 3,600 signature-strong petition calling for change in the industry.

Bonnie Roe, who helped launch the Haliburton-City of Kawartha Lakes Long-Term Care Coalition back in 2020 after watching on in horror as COVID-19 ran roughshod over LTC facilities across the province, has been working hard to inspire change in a sector she has described as toxic and broken.

The most significant piece of her effort to date has been the creation of a petition, calling upon Scott to take the concerns of her constituents upstairs, directly to the likes of Rod Phillips, Ontario's new min-ister of long-term care, Health Minister Christine Elliott and Premier Doug Ford, to find immediate solutions to "this longstanding crisis" in LTC.

That petition was launched in April, and formally delivered to Scott's office in Lindsay on Aug. 6.

"We already knew that Laurie wouldn't be there - because we invited the press, we were told Laurie would need her communications person from Queen's Park to attend, and, during the summer, that just wasn't possible, so we knew that going in," Roe said. "Still, it's been two weeks ... I would have expected a phone call by now, but we still haven't heard [from

"That's disappointing, not so much just from our group's perspective, but from the perspective of the 3,600 constituents who were hoping that their concerns would be heard," Roe continued.

The petition outlined five key areas for change the local LTC coalition has identified as being most in need. They include amending the Canada Health Act to incorporate long-term care facilities, to ensure they receive necessary public funding and are forced to maintain national standards for cleanliness and care; provide at least four hours of direct care per day, per resident and improve working conditions for staff; reinstate annual inspections and implement strict fines for those who fail; change the culture of care for seniors, moving away from an institutional feel to create a more homely atmosphere; and take the profits out of Long-Term Care and reinstate them as a public-only service.

While she knew there was an appetite in our community to see change in the industry, Roe says she was a little surprised by the response received.

"We are certainly pleased by the number of respondents we had - very happy indeed. Ever since we delivered the petition, we've had another 400 sign on, so our true number now is actually in excess of 4,000," Roe said.

Through correspondence with Scott's fice the Echo was told that in the original inal petition signed by 3,600 individuals, the majority of those who signed were not residents of the HKLB riding. Kailie Oortwyn, legislative affairs advisor with Scott's office, said more than half of the petitioners resided out of province or overseas, with many from British Columbia, Saskatchewan and the United States.

In an emailed comment to the *Echo* Scott intimated the Ontario government was doing a good job investing in long-



Members of the Haliburton-City of Kawartha Lakes Long-Term Care Coalition delivered a petition, signed by 3,600 individuals, to MPP Laurie Scott's office in Lindsay earlier in August, calling for action to improve care for seniors living in retirement and care homes. /Submitted.

"After decades of neglect from successive governments, our government is moving quickly to address the challenges the sector faces and modernize how longterm care is delivered in Ontario," Scott said. "In our 2021 Budget, we added \$933 million, on top of the \$1.75 billion we had already invested, to create 20,161 new beds and 15,918 upgraded beds built to a modern, 21st century design standard. This is more than two-thirds of our commitment of 30,000 new long-term care beds by 2028."

Scott says the government is also on track to ensure LTC residents receive more direct care from staff. She says the province has committed to investing \$4.9 billion over four years to increase the average of daily direct care from 2.75 hours to four hours – a request outlined in Roe's petition – something Scott believes will make Ontario the leader in direct care in Canada.

Referencing inspections, Scott says changes will soon be coming to ensure LTC facilities are held accountable should they fall below acceptable standards.

"The inspection process exists to keep our residents in long-term care safe, and improving inspections is a recommendation that was made both by the Long-Term Care Commission and the Auditor General and we are actively working on changes to the inspection regime by introducing new legislation in the fall, which will create new accountability measures for the sector," Scott said.

Despite these promises, Roe remains skeptical. She plans to attend a protest at Queen's Park in Toronto on Sept. 13 to express her concerns over the way the province is managing long-term care.

In the meantime, she meet with each of the candidates running for office here in Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock in the upcoming federal election to see where they stand on long-term

"Our number one goal, the thing we want to see most is for the Canada Health Act to include long-term care. It should be amended ... to ensure public funds and national standards are guaranteed," Roe said. "So, although LTC is, strictly speaking, provincial jurisdiction, we feel this is

The fact we've been able to put together a petition that has now been signed by more than 4,000 people, it shows that this is a serious issue and

prime time for us to get our message out needs the attention of our MP to inspire change," Roe concluded.

For more information on the Haliburton-City of Kawartha Lakes Long-Term Care Coalition, visit www.ltcneedsyou.ca.

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### It's time to act

VE LOST count of the number of sad, horrific stories I've heard in Lrecent years about how a promising young life was destroyed, and sometimes even cut short due to illicit drug abuse.

Unfortunately, there have been a few more added to that list over the past week, with Haliburton County left reeling following a spate of overdoses, which began the week of Aug. 16. Haliburton Highlands OPP informed media they responded to five overdoses in as many days a couple of weeks ago. In four of those instances, the individuals received emergency care and were saved. The fifth wasn't so lucky.

According to police, this marked the fourth drug-related death in the Highlands already in 2021. These statistics are even more startling

when you consider that, through the entirety of last year, we only saw two drug-related deaths in the community.

Even those who aren't so good with numbers will, I'm sure, be able to quickly realize that this represents a 100 per cent increase from 2020. And we're only three quarters of the way through the year!

It's a worrying trend, for sure, and one that Catherine McDonald, a registered nurse and substances and harm reduction coordinator with the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit, says has been apparent for a while. In terms of hospitalizations, McDonald says numbers from HKPR catchment areas had doubled from the 12 month window between April 2020 and March 2021, and the subsequent 12 months

from April 2019 to March 2020. Much of Canada has been dealing with an opioid crisis for the better part of a decade. According to statistics released by the federal government, there were 21,174 apparent opioidrelated deaths nationwide from January 2016 to December 2020.

When one breaks down the numbers even further, it's pretty obvious to see that, as McDonald pointed out, things have gotten drastically worse over the past 18 months - right in line with

the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. Between April and December of last year, there were 5,148 opioid-related deaths in Canada. That number represame time period in 2019, when there were 2,722 deaths.

There are numerous factors at play here - clearly, it's been a pretty rough Feelings of depression, isolation, stress it's really no wonder - here in Ontario, such as dine-in restaurants, movie the-

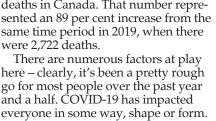
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a general feeling amongst the public that issues such as drug abuse aren't as prevalent here as they are in the big city. Only they are. They always have been. And now we have real, localized statistics to back that fact up

Today marks International Overdose Awareness Day. There is an event scheduled to take place at Head Lake Park from 10 a.m. to noon. If you have a friend, or a loved one, or you yourself are taking drugs, it might be a good idea to stop by and educate yourself as best you can. There are lots of red flags we can look out for, to help people before it's too late.

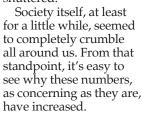
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I'd like to repeat that message – Hali-



go for most people over the past year and a half. COVID-19 has impacted everyone in some way, shape or form. and anxiety are through the roof, and we spent the better part of a year in lockdown, with services drastically depleted and day-to-day distractions

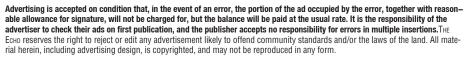
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burton, it's time to remember those we have so needlessly lost over the years. It's time we acted, and actually did something about it.



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Soyers Lake at dusk

by Darren Lum

### My soul

YTHAGORAS OF SAMOS (c. 570 – c. 495 BC) was an ancient Ionian Greek philosopher and a master mathematician. I heard Robert Holden, a British psychologist and author of many books, talk about Pythagoras in regards to music.

Pythagoras said "the highest goal of music is to connect one soul to their divine nature." Music isn't just about entertainment and notes. It's about connecting with that part of yourself that is divine.

Pythagoras also said "learn to be silent, let your quiet mind listen and absorb."

I was thinking about these quotes when I attended the Boreal Concert at The Haliburton Highlands Brewery (HHB) a couple of weeks ago. The concert was put on by the Haliburton County Folk Society (HCFS) and we were outside under a tent. It was the first "event" that I had attended in over a year and I was excited, and also a

little nervous. I just haven't socialized that much in the past year.

Of course, it was all fine and I had a great evening.

Boreal came onto the stage and their emotions were right up front for all of us to see. The last concert they had performed together was here in Haliburton at Winter Folk Camp in 2020 about a week before the province went into lockdown. They were incredibly grateful to back in Haliburton, and also to be singing together again. We the audience just sat back and soaked in their big wide open spacious hearts as they sang.

At one point I, and many of us I'm

sure, were teared up. Boreal talked about a project happening in Stratford where someone is collecting COVID Stories and turning them into songs (I hope I am remembering this correctly).

Boreal sang a song about a 90-year-old man whose wife was in a nursing home and his story of not being able to visit at first, and his hope for her to come home for Christmas. It made me think of my own parents and in-laws and the challenges we have had trying to support them from a distance. I listened and thought of the millions of

stories that people have from this time in our lives. We will not forget this.

But, I also thought of the power of music to bring us together, to connect us and to tell our stories. Whether you are a performer or an audience member, something is happening that is beyond words, when we listen. In some way we connect to each other, to the music and to something greater than

ourselves. Perhaps it is beauty. We all can use as much beauty as we can get these days.

HHFS is continuing to bring great music to the HHB tent this fall. There are Friday evening and Sunday afternoon concerts, and on Saturday, Sept. 18, Kobotown is returning to Haliburton (Drew also performed and taught at Winter Folk Camp). This will be a rocking night of music and laughter and energy. It will fill your soul right up!

For all of the up to date information on the Folk Society concerts you can go to their Facebook page and



# points of view

### The limits of love

**T**HE OTHER day, Jenn and I were watching a bit of television when a story came on about a man who donated a kidney to his brother. It was clearly touching, and it showed what true love is all about - although, to be completely honest, it wasn't as if he didn't have a spare kick-

ing around.
When I made note of this to Jenn, she looked at me and

replied, "What do you mean by that?"

I answered, "It's nice and everything, but it is not as if he donated a brain. A person only has one of those so that would have been far more meaningful. Do you understand what I'm

"Yes, I do," she said. "So, who was the recipient of yours?" Despite my observation, I was still fascinated by the love and sacrifice it must take to donate any body part to another

human being – especially during duck season. So, being the true romantic that I am, I later broached the subject with Jenn.

"If I needed a foot, would you donate one of yours? I asked,

knowing it was probably best to start small. "Why would you need a foot?"

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she said, obviously dodging the

I then presented her with a completely plausible scenario in which my feet had been discovered by the Croc people and they decided to pay me handsomely to be an international foot model in one of their high-end campaigns, but, on my first photoshoot in Botswana, a rogue elephant charged the set and stepped on my best foot, thus destroying one of my feet and ruining my lucrative foot-modelling

"Why couldn't you just continue

work with the other foot?" she asked.

"What shoe company wants to sell only 50 per cent of their products?" I replied.

"Honestly, who was the recipient of your brain?" she asked

"You still haven't answered the question," I replied. "Would you donate a foot?"

"No," she said, flatly. "No, I would not."

"I'll give you a little more time to think about it," I said. I will admit I was a bit hurt, especially since she already has two feet. But that's when I realized that there are even limits

So, I made it easier.

"Same scenario, but this time the elephant, or perhaps more ironically a crocodile, only mangled one of my toes. Would you donate a toe?" I asked.
"Which toe?" she replied.
"Big one," I answered.

"No," she said. "I need them."

"Second toe?"

"I don't know. They are pretty important to me," she said. "What about love?" I screeched.

"I'm entertaining this conversation, aren't I?"

She had a point.

"Middle toe?" I asked,

"That's the one that had roast beef," she said.

"How about the one that had none?"

"No," she replied. "I love you, but I need all my toes."

lots of hair." "People would know it wasn't yours. But OK, I'd get a hair

cut and donate all the clippings to you," she said. And there it was. Jenn had basically admitted that she loved

me so much that she would help me with a hair transplant, should the need for one ever arise. Which it has not – I just like it really short and sparse up top.

Some people might be critical of Jenn for not even entertaining the idea of donating a baby toe. But I look at it a little differently. These days a lot of people are lack toes intolerant.



### pic of the past

This photo was taken on Henry Loucks farm on Scotchline road in Minden. They were using the thrashing machine on the fields. On the tractor is Roy Kernohan. The gentlemen from left to right were Billy Kent, Alex Taylor and Holly Kernohan. /Photo by Glenda Tripp

letters to the editor

### Run for Terry wherever you are

Dear Terry Fox supporters,

The official Terry Fox Run will be Sunday, Sept. 19. It will be virtual again this year, due to the continuing COVID threat. The theme, as it was last year, is One Day Your Way, encouraging people to plan a personal event to help keep Terry's

legacy alive. Cancer is not taking a break during this pandemic, so if you can possibly make a donation please go to terryfox.org and give gen-

Many Thanks, Minden Terry Fox Committee

### The Doug Ford dichotomy

To the Editor,

During the first and second COVID waves, Doug Ford was on TV daily, presenting the image of someone who was in command of the situation (by giving daily updates – with communication assistance of a sign language interpreter to reach the deaf viewers) and showing a caring persona (while watching deaths soar in desperate LTC facilities). His popularity with voters soared.

Along came the third deadly wave in March and there were fewer TV appearances (now without the sign language professional). He ignored the prescient advice from the [Ontario's COVID-19 Science Advisory Table and when he finally chose to act, he chose a sledge hammer approach by locking down the whole province even though one third of the public health units (like Haliburton's and Kenora's) were coping with the surge. While claiming that his actions were driven by science, he failed to explain why he ignored advice from public health officials and forced them to take unilateral actions such as forcing the closure

of businesses that were experiencing breakouts (like Amazon's warehouses and Canada Post sorting centres) and shifting from mass inoculation sites to targeted hot spots (most notably in Peel and Toronto).

At the end of the school year, Ford refused to listen to the cries from teachers, psychologists and parents advocating for students to go back to school for mental health reasons – even in a region like Haliburton where outbreaks were either nonexistent or under control.

Until now he has steadfastly decided not to introduce a vaccine passport even though three quarters of Ontarians and many businesses are solidly in favour of this initiative and are taking unilateral decisions to request vaccination information from employees and customers.

Are any readers of this newspaper able to explain these dubious actions - or lack of actions?

> **Dennis Choptiany** Koshlong Lake

# Glen Dart, hockey hero and gentleman on and off the ice

**GRACE OBORNE** 

Staff Reporter

Decades have passed since hockey phenom Glen "Bimmy" Dart graced the ice with his smooth skating and powerful shot for the legendary Haliburton Huskies teams, and how he inspired everyone he met to be their best on and off the ice, his legacy of excellence and selflessness will be enshrined with his induction to the Haliburton Highlands Hall of Fame.

Though Dart passed away at the young age of 31 in 1951, his son Roger Dart has learned a lot about his father's legacy while growing up. The Haliburton community and those who knew Dart often had a lot to share about the notable

hockey player.

"I was about two when my father passed, but when I was growing up in Haliburton, I learned a lot about him from many people over time. I always get the sense from people that he was an exceptional hockey player, for his era and for the time that he played. Moreover, that he was highly regarded within the community. Everybody liked him. Everybody thought very highly of him" said Roger.

Dart was the first player to become well known in the Haliburton area for his on-ice abilities. In his early teens, the Haliburton Huskies were Haliburton's elite men's hockey team. At 15, while he was still in high school, Dart was invited to play on the team.

"He played on the Haliburton Huskies team that won all the trophies. One time I went to a wedding and Bill Nichol pulled me aside and told me that he went to high school with my dad. He told me that they let my dad leave school early so he could go and practice with the Huskies. The Huskies were the men's team, they were elite," said Roger.
In the later 1930s, Dart also played

junior hockey in Lindsay. He also was invited to try out for the Young Rangers,

a junior team in Toronto.

Eventually Dart moved back to Haliburton and joined Canada's second World War effort. While serving in the Royal Canadian Air Force, he played for several RCAF teams. These teams were ultra competitive and played at a high level. He played for the air force's team in Belleville and the Moncton Marrons, a Maritime senior team in the AMS

After being discharged from the RCAF, Dart returned to Haliburton and was once again a star player for the Huskies for four seasons. During that time, Dart became the recreation director for the Municipality of Dysart et al, coaching all the minor league teams

"My father was an inspiration for people and specifically for youngsters. For youth, he was a leader," said Roger.

One of those youngsters at the time was Lenny Salvatori, who is part of the first hall of fame inductee class in the builder category.

"I was involved in minor hockey l my life, so I was around him played and I coached minor hockey, and Glen was the guy that got me started on that because I wasn't a hockey player. I was just a kid that enjoyed hockey. I enjoyed coaching and managing all those hockey teams. He inspired me to be involved in minor hockey," Salvatori, who was a friend of Dart's.

Salvatori was a part of the group that helped to start the Glen Dart Hockey Tournament, which ultimately became the highlight tournament for young hockey players throughout Haliburton



Glen Dart, who was a hockey standout for Haliburton, is pictured wearing a Haliburton Huskies uniform from the 1940s. /Submitted by



Glen Dart joined the RCAF during the Second World War and while enlisted he continued to play hockey for RCAF teams. After he left the air force, he rejoined the Haliburton Huskies and was a star player for four years. Submitted by Roger Dart



The Dart family included siblings Jack, fourth oldest, from left, Glen, third oldest Pauline, who was married to Robert Brohm at the time, second oldest, mother Margaret, siblings Don, the oldest and the youngest, Bud stand outside the train station (now the Rails End Gallery), which was across the road from the family bake shop and home. It's not known what the trophy is what significance of the photo and why the Dart boys were in uniform, which includes two wearing Haliburton Huskies jerseys for the men's team, and two wearing Haliburton Hockey Association jerseys, which was likely a junior aged team. Father Reg is absent. /Submitted by Roger Dart.

County.

While Salvatori ran the arena, he spent a lot of time getting to know Dart and remembers him to be a great hockey player and an even better person.
"I watched him play as a kid and he

was a great hockey player, an excellent hockey player. He was a very clean hockey player and just loved the game. More than that, he was a gentleman all the way through his life. He was a great human being, and a great citizen of the community. He always supported kids in minor hockey and inspired many, added Salvatori.

After Dart's passing, a group of citizens established the Glen Dart Memorial Trophies to honour Dart for his accomplishments.

"The Glen Dart Memorial Hockey Tournament was established for minor hockey, it was not established for my dad. It was established for minor hockey teams and it is something for them to play for. They felt that the best name for this was to be in memory of my father,"

Dart was an inspiration to the youth of his day not only because of his hockey ability but because of the support, guidance and attitude he offered towards the kids he coached.

'I'm proud too because of what I've been told and heard about my dad. Over the years, many men have told me that they were coached by my dad. I think he really was somebody that the community liked. He cared about the kids in the community," he said.

Today, many people in Haliburton still

keep Dart's legacy alive. "When I first started working at the museum [36 years ago], there were still a lot of people in Haliburton that had actually seen Glen play hockey and always told me what a good skater, and what a good stickhandler he was. I've been told that he was just a gifted skater, stickhandler, the whole bit. He didn't need to be a tough guy on the ice. He was just naturally good at playing hockey, but was humble about it," said curator of the Haliburton Highlands Museum, Steve Hill.

Though Roger was young when his

father passed, and didn't know his father personally, he mentions that his mother and the community has made it easier to get to know his father.

"It certainly helps me to know who my father was when people tell me about him. Of course, my mother, who had to raise me, told me about him from her perspective. The community has always just supported what she had to say about him, which was that he was this really

great person," said Roger.
"I'm proud that he's being honoured as one of the initial inductees for the Haliburton Highlands Sports Hall of Fame. My dad was a very nice person and worked hard in hockey. He was a person that cared about people in the community, and wanted to, but he didn't want people to make it about him. He wanted it to be about the people he was helping. He was well liked by the community and just loved the game of hockey. That is what I've learned about my dad," Roger



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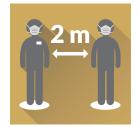
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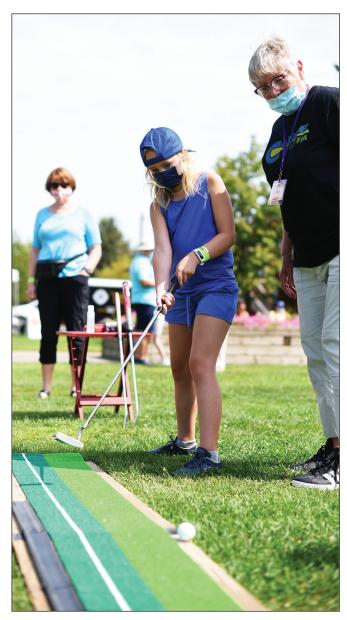


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Karlie McCallum, eight, watches her putt roll offline at the annual Stories in the Park Fun Fair





#### A story worth remembering

Above, with younger sister Sophie looking on, Addilyn Chapman, six, finishes her hopscotch court at the annual Stories in the Park Fun Fair organized by the Haliburton and District Lions Club on Friday, Aug. 27 at Head Lake Park in Haliburton. For the second year the Lions Club event was an opportunity to provide children outdoor fun with a variety of activities from mini-putt to engaging with sidewalk chalk art. There was a record number with more than 300, who came to the event in staggered fashion from noon to 2 p.m. The event included free hotdogs and popcorn, drinks and participating local community groups who helped with activity stations./DARREN LUM Staff

Left, Haliburton and District Lions Club member Gail Stelter finishes reading a book to children and their



# Jack Bush: The man with the red pen

STEVE GALEA

Special to the Echo

The recently built house, on the north side of the village of Haliburton, remains a work in progress. Phone issues have to be dealt with, furniture and décor need to be placed, gardens and deer fences are waiting to be planned. The hundreds of small things that turn a house into a home must all fall into place.

For Elaine Bell, making that house a home, and embracing this new phase of her life, will happen without the support and thoughtful input of her cherished husband of 31 years. Jack Bush's 21-month battle against metastatic lung cancer came to an end at the hospital in Haliburton, with his peaceful death on August 17, 2021. He was 85.

In many ways, Jack lived a wonderful life surrounded by art and creativity. His father was the renowned Jack Bush, one of Canada's most celebrated painters. His brother wrote and sang the theme song for the iconic TV show, The Littlest Hobo. Another brother is an artist. Elaine is an accomplished musician.

Jack spent a lifetime making use of his own creativity too. His career in the advertising world started when he was hired as a copywriter at the age of 20. By the time he retired 45 years later, he was a Creative Director and had worked in Toronto, Vancouver and Montreal, where he left his mark on the pop culture of the time. If you saw, heard, or read a TV, print, or radio ad in those days, the odds are good that Jack had played a part in it. He even participated in a City of Toronto bid for the Olympic games.



Elaine Bell survives Jack Bush, a creative and caring soul that contributed much to Haliburton. /Submitted by Elaine Bell

All that creativity found a home in Haliburton County in 2000. That's when Jack and Elaine bought a house on County Road 1 and started a bed and breakfast that they ran for several years.

Once settled, Jack became one of those

quiet but important participants in this community. You might not have known him, but he left his subtle influence in

If you read the Echo, between 2002 to 2009, you benefitted from Jack's expert copy editing. Former Echo editor Martha Perkins recalls that Jack phoned one day to express concern regarding editing errors in the paper.

"When you are running a paper and the stories and deadlines are coming quickly, it's easy to miss little errors, no matter how many times you re-read a story, she said. "And the last thing you want is for people to call and point out the things that you got wrong that you cannot fix. So, after some discussion, I told Jack that I would welcome him coming in and pointing out our mistakes while we still had a chance to fix them. I said you can bring your red pen every Tuesday and show up and help - and he did."

Perkins said that Jack's former career, in which clear, concise communication and brevity were paramount, made him an ideal addition to the team. More than that, she felt that he actually enjoyed coming in every week and helping out.

"I think he really liked the feeling that he was needed," she said

Jack's message was simple: "Do people a favour. Keep your sentences short. Keep your idea clear." That eventually resonated throughout the newsroom.

Perkins said his red pen and "Jackisms" had a strong influence on her and the reporters and made the paper better. Many of his more important bits of advice were taped to walls as not-so-gentle reminders. Some, I believe, are still there.

We had other copy editors, and sometimes there are different opinions on punctuation and on how to convey an idea, but what I respected about Jack was that he could always explain why he edited something the way he did. He strove for clarity."

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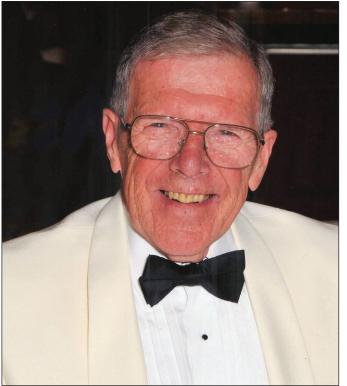
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This yellow door was something Jack Bush wanted for his new home. His wife, Elaine said, "When we were choosing the colours for our house exterior; he decided he wanted dark blue siding with a bright yellow front door; and this is the front door of our new home (he inherited a wonderful sense of colour from his artist father). When he first suggested it I thought he'd lost it a bit; but I've grown to love it; and it's become a bit of a symbol amongst friends and family for his personality." /Photos submitted by Elaine Bell



Jack Bush's favourite lake to photograph was Barnum Lake, located only a few minutes outside of the Village of





Above, Jack Bush had a passion for photography and among his subjects of interest included birds such as the pictured Evening Grosbeak that would come to the feeders at his house.

Left, Jack Bush is gone, but not forgotten. He volunteered as a proof reader for the Haliburton County Echo and the Minden Times and was a longtime reader to students at Stuart Baker Elementary School. After a career in advertising, he turned to creative pursuits such as photography, capturing the beauty of the Highlands.

# Bush had a long-lasting impact on all he encountered

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Perkins confessed, "He is still a constant voice in my head when I write."

Students at Stuart Baker Elementary School also benefited from Jack's quiet altruism and love of reading and the language. He volunteered 12 years as a reading buddy to students there, before illness required him to quit. When Jack talked about this, his face lit up and it was clear that he got just as much out of it as the stu-

Right up to this year, Jack also used his considerable advertising industry skills, working behind the scenes to promote the popular Haliburton Concert Series. This was his 10th year of donating time and expertise to the event by writing print and radio ads, as well as brochures and

Through the years, he continued to be creative and, up until recently, expressed that need in beautiful photos of the natural world. Many of them were taken along the rail line near their first Haliburton home.

"He loved seeing animals and took joy in watching them, but he never saw a moose," Elaine said.

(He often joked to the author that he did not believe

Nevertheless, the photos were excellent.

"Excellence in writing and photography was his inheritance," she added. "Growing up in his family, it was as if he had no other choice but to be talented and artistic."

When he first got news of the illness in 2019, he told Elaine, "If this is it, I've had a great life,"

He maintained his unassuming dignity, sense of

humour, wry smile, and sense of joy throughout his sickness. He also told Elaine that he wanted to get to the new house. And he did.

One of his last great creative legacies was proposing that the front door of the new house be painted bright yellow. Elaine thought he had "lost it" at first. But she soon grew to love it. I'd like to think it is because the door is like the man – cheerful, unique, and bright. Before his passing, he told Elaine, "I think you are

going to have a really nice life."

That was something he learned a lot about in their time together.

Jack and his broad smile, quick wit, and famous red pen will be missed by his friends from his *Echo* days and, undoubtedly, by others whose lives he touched.

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# HE council members will attend committee meetings

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

The following are Highlands East Council briefs from the virtual meeting on Tuesday,

The pandemic is far from over and virtual council meetings are likely to continue to enable access to the public.

Highlands East CAO Shannon Hunter said the EOC (Emergency Operations Centre) has recommended to "not consider in-person meetings until the next phase of the road map to reopen is implemented by the province."

She added with rising COVID-19 cases the status is unlikely to change soon, but the township is working towards setting up for a "hybrid version," which includes live streaming and in-person council and committee meetings.

"It is a means for the public to be able to have access," she said.

Councillor Suzanne Partridge asked for clarification about whether this fell under the purview of council.

Hunter said this was only a strong recommendation to continue live-streaming meetings and was presented for council to discuss.

Partridge and Deputy Mayor Cec Ryall wondered about separating council and committee meetings.

Hunter responded saying, "The reason we were doing one joint meeting is because of the IT (information technology) reasons. We were trying to stream-

the county IT system, so change this, you could have individual committee meetings. If you choose to, it just means we're going to have more administration to do the individual meetings.

Committees of council, said township clerk, Robin Rogers, need to be transpar-

Ryall, who was concerned about members' availability to attend, which can be related to working day time hours, anticipates a return to pre-pandemic days when in-person meetings were held, which had facilitated access to meetings for the public.

"I'm not suggesting we do this today, tomorrow or next week, I'm just saying we need to have a look at the overall policy, which can be in the fall," he said.

Mayor Dave Burton said he wanted members of council to attend all council committee meetings.

A vote for a resolution to enact that practice was passed.

#### **Highlands East buildings** are open for use with **COVID-19 restrictions**

CAO Hunter said there have been many inquiries about the status of public facilities.

"People have been asking when are the facilities opening?" she said. "The answer is the facilities are open, but they're open with restrictions as per the health unit, so people can use our facilities. However, phase that we're in with the reopening plan, so what that means is people still have to mask up and have to keep their six-foot separation. Those are the two

#### **Building records** continue to be set

When it comes to construction values in Highlands East there has been constant exponential growth.

The latest numbers are \$25,273,789 to this point in the year. Last year at this time, the township had \$6,751,805. There were 133 permits (36 dwellings and 97 for other) issued, which is far more than thee 88 of last year.

Deputy Mayor Cec Ryall asked chief building official Laurie Devolin about if this demand poses a problem for staff to fulfill service and if there are other related

Answering, Devolin said, permits are being issued on time and the newly implemented software CloudPermit, an electronic avenue for government building departments such as complete permit applications, which has helped, which has improved efficiency and streamlined communication at the building depart-

Ryall said, "Keep doing what you guys are doing. I guess at some point in time we're either going to go over the top, or it'll stabilize and we'll worry about that then. Thank you very much for what you're doing and I really appreciate it."

#### Ride along idea welcomed

During the delivery of CAO meetings with manager's report delivered by Hunter, she said it was on ride-alongs with department managers where she was "provided perspective into the daily operations of the department."

She added this to her weekly meetings with the managers, which are used to identify potential concerns and/or opportunities for improvement.

Council was open to periodic ridealongs that will enable members of council to see what needs there are in the township related to "infrastructure deficiencies and projects.

Councillor Cam McKenzie commended Hunter for the idea and for finding the

"It's such a positive thing and immense benefit to the management of Highlands East. Thank you very much," he said.

This was received as information.



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#### **CLUES ACROSS**

- 1. Leg shank
- 5. A way to recognize
- 11. "VeggieTales" character
- 12. Getting out of by cunning
- 16. Mythological mountain
- 17. Atomic #18
- 18. Viscous liquid
- 19. 2010 Denzel film
- 24. 12th star in a constellation
- 25. Made better
- 26. Pouches
- 27. Nervous twitch
- 28. This (Spanish)
- 29. Tennis legend Bjorn
- 30. Hand (Spanish)
- 31. Afrikaans
- 33. Int'l interpreters organization (abbr.)
- 34. Treated with kid gloves
- 38. Leaseholder
- 39. Frogs, toads, tree toads
- 40. Popular dance
- 43. Sailing maneuver: tack & \_
- 44. Indicates speed of rotation (abbr.)
- 45. Mark
- 49. Health insurance
- 50. Custom clothing brand
- 51. One who makes suits
- 53. Execute or perform
- 54. Degree of pleasantness when tasting
- 56. Equal to roughly 5.6 bushels
- 58. Blood group
- 59. Imaginary line
- 60. Hopeless
- 63. Darken
- 64. Spoke
- 65. Work units

#### **CLUES DOWN**

- 1. A way to fit out
- 2. Football carries
- 3. Force out
- 4. Maintaining equilibrium

- 5. Sealed with a kiss
- 6. Type of container
- 7. Hollywood
- 9. Small freshwater ducks
- 10. Norse personification of old age
- 13. Says who you are
- 14. Candidate
- 15. Sugar found in honey and sweet fruits
- 20. Defunct language (abbr.)
- 21. Take too much
- 22. Iranian province
- 23. Records electric currents
- 27. \_\_ and feathers
- 29. Beloved Mr. T character
- 30. More (Spanish) 31. Beverage
- 32. Promotional material
- 33. Green vegetable
- 34. National capital
- 35. To any further extent
- 36. Swollen, inflamed lymph node
- 37. Anger
- 38. Pound
- 40. Popular Yugo 41. Salt of acetic acid
- 42. Millihenry
- 44. Israeli city \_\_ Aviv
- 45. Make wider
- 46. Drink containing medicine
- Acknowledging 48. Private, romantic rendezvous
- 50. Calvary sword
- 51. Disease of the lungs
- 52. 2001 Spielberg film
- 54. Fleshy, watery fruit 55. In one's chambers
- 57. Set of information (abbr.)
- 61. Dorm employee
- 62. Indicates position

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# A welcome to West Guilford's newest, youngest additions

community news

### west guilford

Eleanor Cooper

Congratulations to Brian Doust on winning the 50/50 draw.

Congratulations, too, to Ron Stackhouse who was recognized in the Echo for his achievements in his hockey career and subsequent decisions which have brought him into happy retirement.

Commiserations to Grenville Barry who

had the misfortune to sustain a broken foot while at work recently.

David and Leslie Chambley's newest grandson, Jonas, in Bracebridge is now an active 6 month boy, a pleasure to not only his parents, Jamie and Nicolas but also adored by older brother, Lucien.

Greg and Cheryl's newest grandson, Banks, is equally entertaining to cousins; Cooper and Luca, as well as to parents Karen and Joel Cooper of Toronto.

Ken Chumbley's cousin, Nancy Rivers of Calgary with her friend Lynn Murray were company for Ken and Valerie for a few days a week ago.

My own company these days is my sister, June Campbell of Barrie who will probably be here for about a year.



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- can detach and can travel through water My toxins are invisible to the naked
- My blooms and their toxins love to travel. We can be in one place at dawn and be a kilometer away by dusk
- I am almost the only one of my kind that can move up and down in water, enjoying life at a wide range of
- When the oxygen level in your lake gets too low, phosphorus is released from the sediment at the bottom. I move down to feed on that Phosphorous

- I use that Phosphorous to nourish my blooms
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## 'First of its kind' dental clinic committed to the community

MIKE BAKER

Editor

Since its inception back in 2010, the Haliburton County Volunteer Dental Outreach (VDO) has completed more than \$3.2 million worth of in-kind dental work on some of our community's most in-need residents.

The brainchild of Bill and Lisa Kerr, VDO offers a wide range of services to those in need of dental treatments, whether it be a simple oral cleaning, or an extensive root

"Many years ago, my husband and a hygienist went to Honduras for an overseas dental outreach program, and they got to chatting about how important it would be to provide this sort of care to local people here in Hali-burton," Kerr said. "There are a lot of people that don't get their teeth taken care of because they can't afford to do it."

While Bill Kerr has his own dental practice in Minden, he and his wife, who is a lawyer, decided to set up a volunteer clinic in Haliburton back in 2010. The facility operates, on average, three days per week, and makes use of professional dentists who are willing to volunteer their time to the cause. Today, VDO has five fully trained dentists and a denturist amongst its ranks. They also employ a full-time office manager, a part-time dental assistant,

and a part-time dental hygienist.

Lisa Kerr says the VDO model is "the first of its kind" in Ontario, and has been very well received by the Highlands community. Over the past decade, the organization has seen 1,095 patients, and scheduled 8,818 appoint-

To be eligible for treatment, patients must first go through a financial screening. While individuals are sometimes embarrassed, Kerr says it's an important step to ensure the clinic is able to treat those who need it most.

'Our mandate is to see low-income residents from Haliburton County... First of all, we will ask for their net income... If they're below a certain number, we know that they can't afford to go to a regular dentist and we will approve them for treatment," Kerr said.

There are special considerations taken into account too on occasion, Kerr noted.

"There are also people in our community who are struggling sometimes because they're having a bad year, and they can't afford their bills. So then we will look at their numbers, and then also take into account their basic living expenses – so rent or mortgage, costs to keep their car on the road, food in their cupboard, having a cell phone," Kerr said. "So, after looking at all of those numbers, if we determine these people cannot afford a dental bill on top of what they're already spending, they will

Individuals processed through the program can, and often do, receive multiple treatments. Kerr said the majority of the people the clinic sees have neglected their oral health for years, meaning they require several fillings, and possibly root canals.

VDO offers a multitude of dental services, including cleanings, fillings, root canals and dentures to individuals 18 years of age and older. Kerr said just about the only services the clinic doesn't typically provide are bridges, implants and crowns.

Recently, VDO has also partnered with the provincial government to offer services to seniors through the new Ontario Seniors Dental Care Program – something Kerr says has been a "godsend" for the clinic.

"The province just started funding this program last summer – it covers dental procedures for seniors over the age of 65," Kerr said. "Since that program launched, we have scheduled 144 appointments, from which we have carried out \$65,000 worth of work.

That program has been phenomenally successful when it started, we said we could take up 20 of our clinic days and dedicate them to seniors, yet we're in August and we've already done that. The demand has been incredible," Kerr continued.

While the money brought in through OSDCP has been a welcome addition, it doesn't come close to covering VDO's monthly costs. Kerr says the organization carries an annual budget of around \$200,000 - most of which is generated by community donations.

VDO held its 11th annual golf tournament fundraiser at the Blairhampton Golf Club on Thursday, Aug. 19 - an event that raised more than \$50,000 to support the work that goes on at the local facility.

"The support we receive from our community is tremendous. Our target heading into the fundraiser was to reach \$50,000, and we have surpassed that," Kerr said. "The generosity of this community knows no bounds."



Haliburton County Volunteer Dental Outreach hosted its 11th annual golf tournament fundraiser on Thursday, Aug. 19. The event raised more than \$50,000 for the clinic. Pictured are participants Howard Clarke and Charmaine Clarke, and volunteer dentists Dr. Michael Proctor and Dr. Michael Cusato. /Photo courtesy of Brigitte Gebauer

VDO also regularly receives contributions from the likes of 100 Women Who Care Haliburton County, the Township of Dysart et al by way of subsidized rent, and a slew of anonymous community donors.

The COVID-19 pandemic didn't impact VDO much, Kerr says. The organization still managed to get people in for appointments, once they were allowed to do so, and chipped away at its lengthy wait list. The one drawback was the temporary cancellation of a partnership between VDO and the University of Toronto, which saw fourth-year dental students come to the community to gain experience by completing procedures on patients. Kerr expects that partnership to start up again in the new

As she looks to the future, and what the next 10 years may hold for VDO, Kerr said she wouldn't be disap-

pointed by simply maintaining the status quo.
"I think we've done a pretty good job over the past 10 years doing the work we've done. If I had one goal, it would be to attract more dental volunteers, more dentists – that would be great," Kerr said. "Then, on the equipment side, a lot of what we have is 10 years old – some of it is even older, because it was donated to us second-

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- Possess a willingness to work odd hours. There is some night driving & weekend work involved.
- Strong maintenance & general repair background is helpful.
- · Assisting with Funeral Home Maintenance & Vehicles.
- Be able to lift more than 50 pounds.
- Possess a strong desire to help people.
- Assist on Funeral Services and Visitations
- Conduct Transfers of a Deceased person from the place of death.
- Strong Team Player who is friendly, professional, and compassionate.
- · Community Minded.
- The successful applicant will be required to complete a Police check.

We would like to thank all applicants for their interest. Only those applicants who are selected for an interview will be contacted.

Please reply in confidence to: info@communityfuneralhomes.com

Please do not drop off resumes No phone calls.



#### **Employment Opportunities @ Abbey Gardens**

#### **Retail Clerk**

Working on site in the Food Hub, the Retail Clerk will be responsible for creating and maintaining retail displays, serving retail clients, managing inventory, and some kitchen prep. The retail clerk will be mindful of quality assurance as well as assisting in reaching sales targets.

> Full time and part time positions available. Weekend availability required.

Resumes can be submitted to: ashley@abbeygardens.ca

#### **Cafe Baker**

Working in the Food Hub baking cookies, muffins, cakes, etc. for The Garden Cafe. Flexible shifts available, including mornings, regular business hours, evenings, etc. Part time position. Experience in commercial kitchens is an asset but not required.

Resumes can be submitted to: ashley@abbeygardens.ca

Full job descriptions can be viewed at: abbeygardens.ca/get-involved/#jobs



#### **Dawson Gray LLP Chartered Professional** Accountants

is seeking a team-oriented professional to join our firm.

#### Successful candidates will have the following attributes:

- Strong organizational skills
- Ability to multi-task
- Excellent attention to detail
- Analytical and problem-solving skills
- Strong verbal and written communication skills

Staff accountants perform duties such as year end processing, credit card and bank reconciliations, A/P and A/R reconciliations, tax filings (GST/HST), payroll and other processes and projects related to preparing tax returns and financial statements.

Post secondary diploma in accounting and /or business

A 35-40-hour workweek can be expected; and overtime during tax season.

Please forward resume and covering letter to: *hugh\_nichol@dawsongray.on.ca* by September 24, 2021.

We thank all applicants in advance for their interest; however only those candidates selected for an interview will be contacted.



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#### 650 OBITUARIES





#### **Bonnie Walling (nee Lee)**

(Resident of Oshawa and Formerly of Haliburton, Ontario)

At Lakeridge Health Oshawa on Wednesday afternoon, August 25, 2021 surrounded by her family in her 89th year. Beloved wife of the late Don Walling. Loving mother of Susan (Ron). Fondly remembered by her grandchildren

Matthew (Amber), Dayna and by her great grandchildren Jacob, Ava and Mya. Predeceased by her brother Dale. Also lovingly remembered by her sisters-in-law Eva, June and by her niece Cindy and her nephew Tom. Bonnie taught for thirty six years in the Victoria St. School in Haliburton. She was very passionate about her teaching career and enjoyed watching her students excel. Most of all, she enjoyed her summers at the cottage on Drag Lake and time spent with her family.

#### **Visitation & Celebration Of Life**

Friends are invited to call at the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209 on Tuesday evening, August 31, 2021 from 7-9 p.m. by appointment only. Please RSVP at one of the visitation times on our website. Masks must be worn and social distancing observed. A Celebration of Bonnie's life will take place on Wednesday morning, September 1, 2021 at 11 o'clock in the Chapel. Attendance is limited. Please RSVP should you wish to attend on our website. Interment Evergreen Cemetery. As an expression of sympathy, donations to Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation would be appreciated by the family.

www.communityfuneralhomes.com



#### In Loving Memory of

#### McDONALD, Joan (nee Peck)

Passed peacefully in Haliburton, Ontario on Monday August 16th 2021 at the wonderful old age of 100.

Joan is predeceased her husband Richard "Dick" McDonald and daughter Elizabeth Cox. Joan will be deeply missed by her devoted children Gregory, Barbara (Michael), Joyce and Skip (son-in-law); and by her cherished grandchildren Carrie (Michael), Tanessa (Darren), Michael (Stephanie), Joan

(Lance), and Brenden; and her loving great grandchildren Sierra, Jacob, Caleb, Haley, Dayna, Joshua, Brooklyn, Richard, Torin, Kala and Aybree. Aunt Joan will be missed by her nephews; David, John (Kathy), Peter, their families and by friends spanning the globe including her two furry friends Felix and Rosie. The family invite you to join in Haliburton for a "Beans and Butter tarts" visitation of happy memories on September 8th, between 1–3pm at the Wintergreen Maple Products patio at 3325 Gelert Road. Visitation and Celebration of Joan's "long and well-lived" life will be held at Smiths Funeral Home on Guelph Line, September 15th and 16th followed by internment at Burlington Memorial Gardens. For more details and to register your attendance (covid protocols) please go to www.smithsfh.com. Celebration of life will be publicly live streamed as well.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Joan's honour can be made to Haliburton Health Services, or a Food Bank or a children's charity of your choice. The family appreciates all your love and support.





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2<sup>ND</sup> PRIZE \$1,000

3RD PRIZE \$500

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# HALIBURTON COUNTY

HALIBURTON, ONTARIO

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 1964

Established in 1882 as the

Official Opening Of

**Municipal Building** 

The new Municipal Office and Fire Hall of the Townships of Anson, Hindon and Minden will have their official opening cere-mony on Wednesday, Septem-ber 9th at 2:00 nm

**Next Wednesday** 

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### ARENA TO START

The Dysart Community Centres Board has retained H. A. later than September 28th, with Wilson of Cannington to architect the new Community Centre. In February.

Members of the Board met in the area as the man who constructed the local L.C.B.O. his experience of the past twenty this past Tuesday.

Mr. Wilson on the site constructed the local L.C.B.O. his experience of the past twenty this past Tuesday.

Mr. Wilson is known to many breaking 30 days. arenas throughout Ontario

### **Minden Merchants Win Local** Softball League Championship

#### Counterfeit **Bills Passed** In Bancroft

The Minden Merchants are this year's Haliburton County Softball League Champions. They won the honour by disposing of the Snowdon Combines in the first round and won the title by winning four straight games from Haliburton.

One of the largest crowds to witness a ball game in Haliburton Ball Park to watch the final game played last Thursday evening. When it was all over Minden had walked off with a 13 - 5 victory.

Dave Sawyer went the distance on the mound for the winners and helped his cause along with a home run, the only one in the ball game. Earling bush was behind the plate.

Gary McKnight started for Haliburton and shared duties with Lennie Salvatori. Mark Schell was behind the plate.

The game was tied at 4 all BANCROFT (ENS) — Albert Stapley, manager of the Dairy Queen ice-cream store went to the Ontario Provincial Police detachment here Sunday with a \$20 bill which he believed to be counterfeit. It was handed to him earlier in the day by a man who visited the store, he said.

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Constable E. D. Rodtka said
Monday that Simone Crisologa,
27, of Toronto, has been charged with possessing and uttering
counterfeit money.
(Peterborough Examiner)

Big One

**Gets Away** 

# two weeks, travelled by jet air liner from Malton to Denver, Colorado last week where he received at Boulder, Colorado, the George Mercer Award for having written and had published the most outstanding publication on Botany in the Journal of Ecology in the years 1961 and 1962 on North America. He was accompanied by his two weaks been done in providing with the mean to the form of the seeing for themselves just of seeing for themselves just of the seeing for the see townships have every reason to be proud of this new that the ratepayers of these townships have every reason to be proud of this new that the ratepayers of these townships have every reason to

Former Minden Student

Wins Top Award

They always say its the big one that got away. John Holmes of Niagara Falls, N.Y., who has been holidaying at Sunrise. Cottages, we have no doubt, believes this to be a fact as had one get away under some what peculiar circumstances.

Mr. Holmes, while fishing, hooked a beauty which when beighed tipped the scales at 12½ pounds. The big one was beighed tipped the scales at 12½ pounds. The big one was beighed tipped the scales at 12½ pounds. The big one was beighed tipped the scales at 12½ pounds. The big one was beighed tipped the scales at 12½ pounds. The big one was beighed tipped the scales at 12½ pounds. The big one was beighed tipped the scales at 12½ pounds. The big one was beighed tipped the scales at 12½ pounds. The big one was beighed tipped the scales at 12½ pounds. The big one was substitutes our final report.

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#### **Dysart Community Centres Board** NEW ARENA FUND

All donations can be used for income tax purposes. All donations toward this fund can be sent to Albert LaRue, Phone 195W, Haliburton.

LAST WEEK'S TOTAL ..... \$8,318.58

Silverwood's Dairy Limited	100.00
Cangney's Furniture, Lindsay	25.00
Mary Loucks, Haliburton	3.00
ulie Sproat, Haliburton	2.00
TOTAL TO DATE\$8	,448.58

#### **Government Representatives Attend Property Owners Council Annual Meeting**

#### **Good Movie Fare**

According to Lou Consky, Manager and Owner of the Molou and Beaver Theatres, we are due for some mighty fine movie entertainment in the coming weeks and despite a terrific line of good pictures, he boasts that the best is yet to come. And when one looks at the September Programme of the Molou and Beaver Theatres, we are inclined to agree.

We see such great attractions listed as Tom Jones, which will be showing at both theatres on the same dates. September 20 to 23. Other fine features listed are John Wayne in McLintoch, Irma La Douce, The Cardinal, Lillies of the Field, and last but not least, the Beates in their hilarious full length film "A Hard Day's Night". This last mentioned feature will be playing the same dates at both the Beaver and Molou, October 1, 2 and 3. As a man said the other day, "Movies aren't coming back, they are back.

Wilfred Caines

Safety Construction

At a meeting of County Council held on Monday evening last, Mr. Wilfred Caines of Hali-willow appointed to the common of the Monday evening last, Mr. Wilfred Caines of Hali-willow appointed to the common of the Monday evening last, Mr. Wilfred Caines of Lounty Council held on Monday evening last, Mr. Wilfred Caines of Hali-willow appointed to the motion of county Council held on Monday evening last, Mr. Wilfred Caines of Lounty Council held on Monday evening last, Mr. Wilfred Caines of Lounty Council held on Monday evening last, Mr. Wilfred Caines of Lounty Council held on Monday evening last, Mr. Wilfred Caines of Lounty Council held on Monday evening last, Mr. Wilfred Caines of Lounty Council held on Monday evening last, Mr. Wilfred Caines of Lounty Council held on Monday evening last, Mr. Wilfred Caines of Lounty Council held on Monday evening last, Mr. Wilfred Caines of Lounty Council held on Monday evening last, Mr. Wilfred Caines of Lounty Council held on Monday evening last, Mr. Wilfred Caines of Lounty Council held on Monday evening last, Mr. Wilfred Caines of Lounty Council held on Monday evening last, Mr. Wilfred Caines of Lount

#### Fred Palmer A **Good Sport Fan**

Good Sport Fan

Fred Palmer of R.R. 2. Beeton, is a very enthusiastic sport fam. Albert LaRue informed us this week that Mr. Palmer donated several articles for adraw valued at \$50.00.

The money raised is to be donated toward the new Arena.

ONE CAR ACCIDENT AT HALBURTON LAKE

An accident occurred at Haliburton Lake on Monday.

A Falcon car driven by Peter Del Greco of Toronto left the road just north of the Shopping Centre at Haliburton to the Shopping Centre at Haliburton to the Road just north of the Shopping Centre at Haliburton to the Capparently the driver tried to Apparently the driver tried to Bamage was estimated at Damage was estimated at S150.00.

A Weaver, Boshkong; Len Londsery, Minden.

Dolls were won by Elinor Kernohan, Minden and Marie Graham, Weston.

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#### **Bazaar And Bake** Sale Successful

### **CURRY CHEVROLET BUICK GMC**





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#### **IRONDALE RIVER** KUSHOG LAKE \$1,300,000 \$759,000



This beautiful 3-bdrm 1 bath year-round home or cottage. With over 200 feet of frontage and 3.24 acres, this level property provides ample privacy. Sand riverfront shoreline is perfect for swimming

Built in 2015 and offers a spacious kitchen finished with wood cabinetry, ceramic flooring, and a large island. The dining room is the perfect size for your family's harvest table. Sunken living room with walkout to the large front deck.

### Linda Baumgartner



Rosemarie Jung Karen Wood Linda Baumgartner Nicole Baumgartner Kim Barnhart Connie Dykstra

### The Haliburton Real Estate Team

#### OLD DONALD ROAD \$729,000



This 3 bdrm, 3 bath bungalow is a pleasure to view both inside and out. Open concept living with the tastefully designed kitchen. Generous sized living room with floor to ceiling windows. The primary bedroom features a walk-in closet ensuite bath, and large patio doors. Forced air propane heating, and air conditioning. Level, landscaped, 4.5-acre lot. Gorgeous and spacious 3 season Haliburton room. Two detached outbuildings

#### COPE LAKE ROAD \$575,000



oath home or home away from home is for you! Nestled amongst 7.85 acres of nicely treed property with a small stream and crown land across the road. Municipal access to pretty Cope Lake just down the road. Warm and cozy main living area with walkout to the deck. Oper concept kitchen and dining area with ample natural lighting. Very well constructed and efficient home with many recent upgrades

#### **TURNING LEAF LANE** \$549,000



Are you looking for privacy? This 5 bdrm, 3 bath year-round home will be perfect for you and your large family. This well-maintained home features an open concept kitchen and dining room with vaulted ceilings, oak cabinetry, and engineered hardwood flooring. The sunken living room has ample natural lighting. Walkout lower level. Enjoy a daily hot tub on the covered deck. Don't miss out on the chance to explore the 3.70 acres

#### **MAIN STREET REZ** \$529,000

A Southwest facing point of land, on Kushog

Lake – with 275 feet of shoreline. Experience

beautiful sunsets. This 2.300 sq ft Classic

cottage is situated on 1 acre. Level lot and

includes a hill at the rear rising over 100 ft

where you will find a Gazeho with a 3-mile

view of the lake. The hill property goes back

over 400 feet to Crown Land



A one-of-a-kind unique investment opportunity currently filling a great need for affordable housing in the community. "Main Street Rez" offers two residential condo units and comes fully rented and provides a substantial income per month for the owner. The 24-hour inhouse maintenance is a bonus, this will keep you stress free from the daily coordination and maintenance of condo ownership.

#### **GLAMORGAN ROAD** \$509,000



This 100+ ac off-grid Hunt Camp is abound with wildlife and beautiful vistas - there's a little something here for everyone! The property offers scenic walking trails, marshes and ponds. With Crown Land all around, this property is a gateway to thousands of acres of wildlife and actewar to univasitus oil actes of withing drown acreage. Rustic yet comfortable amenities including a cistern, outhouse, grey water pit and is wirred for a generator. This secluded and private property is a rare find and truly a must see.

#### **GELERT ROAD \$449,000**



Fantastic 3 bdrm, 2 bath family home. Perfect for the outdoor enthusiast. Tranquil wooded backvard backs onto the Haliburton Rail Trail. Enjoy walking, four-wheeling, and snowmobiling for year-round enjoyment. Kitchen features a generous sized island, inside entry to the attached garage, and a walkout to the back deck. Walking distance to schools, shopping, hospital, recreation and Head Lake Park. This lovely family home is waiting for you.

#### VACANT LOTS

**LOUISE LANE 35+AC** \$275,000

**STILLS ROAD 1.2AC** \$149,000

**COUNTY ROAD 503 0.82AC** 

\$69,000

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#### **HALIBURTON LAKE \$789,000**



NEGAUNEE LAKE \$498,000



#### **KENNISIS LAKE \$699,000**



**RED PINE LAKE \$375,000** 



#### HIGHWAY 118 \$575,000



CONTAU LK ROAD \$329,000



#### **CONTAU LAKE \$535,000**



**BUCKSLIDE ROAD \$225,000** 

